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MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Erik HEINE's Arrest in Montreal

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1. The arrest of Erik HEINE in Montreal was carried in the 13 May 1967 issue of the Latvian anti-Communist emigre newspaper LAIKS (Times) published in New York City under the heading "How HEINE 'Repainted' the Soviet Monument". According to the newspaper, HEINE appeared at the Expo 67 Soviet pavilion on 6 May 1967 during the Estonian Day celebration carrying a can of paint and a brush, and began to paint the monument in front of the pavilion. A few minutes later he threw away the brush and splashed all of the paint in the can onto the monument. As a result he was arrested by the police; he was later released on \$500 bond. The administration of Expo 67 has since then been able to remove almost all of the paint.

2. The newspaper states that HEINE, who resides in Toronto, has been well-known in that city for his anti-Communist activities and had been a member of the Central Estonian Council and other organizations, although he was not reelected to the Council during the last election. On 8 May 1967 he appeared in court before Judge Pascal Lachappe* and pleaded not guilty. The charges against HEINE were brought by the Montreal police and not by the Soviet authorities. He was represented by counsel who did all of the talking for him. When the judge asked him if he had ever been convicted, his lawyer replied that HEINE had spent 9 years as a political prisoner in the Soviet Union.

3. The newspaper also reports that HEINE is involved in another court case. This case is being tried in Toronto and HEINE

* Transliterated from the Latvian.

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has pleaded guilty to a charge of having composed and distributed anonymous leaflets which criticize a number of leading persons in Estonian organizations. At first the affected leaders brought suit against an anonymous author; later, however, HEINE volunteered that he had been the author.

4. The article also mentions that HEINE had become famous as a result of his suit against CIA agent and fellow-countryman Juri RAUS. The pertinent paragraph, however, contains no information which has not appeared in the press many times before. In the conclusion of the paragraph it is stated that HEINE is not satisfied with the fact that the court has decided not to try the case and is continuing with a retrial (sic).

5. The remainder of the article is devoted to describing the Soviet activities during Estonian Day and to providing details of Extonian emigre activities which were conducted at the same time at a near-by location and were designed to counter these Soviet propaganda moves.

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